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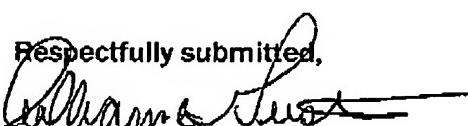
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REQUEST FOR RESTART OF PERIOD FOR REPLY

SIR:

The Office Action dated February 10, 2004 indicates a shortened statutory period for reply of one month.

This Office Action appears to be a "normal" Office Action, for which the normal shortened statutory period for reply should have been three months.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the period for reply be reset at three months.

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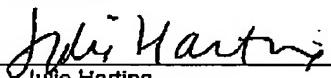
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